

THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public.

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning (Sundays excepted), is the largest and most widely circulated paper in the Colonies. It contains the latest news from all parts of the world, and is a valuable source of information to all who read it.

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THE NEWS.

The intelligence brought yesterday by the Sierra Nevada is unusually exciting. Three severe battles, it would appear, have been fought at different points. On the 15th ultimo a heavy engagement took place between a portion of Sherman's army and Hardee's forces at Orizaba, or rather Averybro, on the Cape Fear river, about twenty miles north of Fayetteville. The only accounts of the fight are from Southern sources. The Richmond papers announce the result as a great victory for Hardee, and put down the Federal loss at 3,500, and that of the Confederates at 450. The disparity of the losses is no doubt exaggerated, but we can easily understand that the Federals suffered more severely than their opponents. It was the policy of Johnston, the Southern commander, as stated in the despatch, to concentrate the Confederate forces and hurl them on one or other of the wings of Sherman's army before that general could effect a junction with Schofield. With all the advantages, however, attached to the Confederate position, there was little disposition to assume the offensive, and Sherman's left wing had advanced as far as Averybro, before anything like a fighting position was indicated by the Confederates. Hardee, however, in strong force, had taken up a position on Cape Fear River; and it was in forcing this position that Sherman lost so heavily in men. The river was ultimately crossed, and Hardee retreated, leaving Sherman's left wing still pressing on towards Goldsboro. On the 19th Sherman had advanced on Beaufort, twenty miles beyond Averybro and about half way to Goldsboro. Here his forces encountered the enemy under Johnston, and another heavy battle ensued, which is claimed as a victory by the Confederates. Like the victory at Averybro, however, it did not seem to disconcert Sherman's plans, for we find him still advancing until he had lengthened the desired junction with Schofield. In the meantime the right wing advanced from Fayetteville on the wagon road that connects that town with the Wilmington and Goldsboro railway. The distance between the two wings was about twenty miles. The right wing was less liable to molestation than the left; for Terry's forces were marching on the Wilmington line of railway and were likely at short notice to form a junction with Sherman. On the 21st the right wing came in contact with the Confederates at Mount Olive, on the line of railway about ten miles south of Goldsboro. The fighting was of short duration, however, for on the same day Schofield on the Newbern line had entered Goldsboro, and the Confederate forces were therefore flanked, necessitating on their part a rapid retreat towards Raleigh. Sherman's right wing then opened communication with Schofield and Terry, and his left marched on Smithfield almost half-way between Goldsboro and Raleigh. The latter place, the capital of the State, was expected to make but short resistance. In this last effect at the converging lines the Federals have been signally successful, and show what effect they have made in military movements since the blunder at Pittsburg Landing. Sherman starts from Charleston, and travels over three hundred miles through the enemy's country, before he can form a junction with the Federal forces in North Carolina. It is arranged, however, that Schofield shall advance from Newbern in a north-westerly course, and meet him at Goldsboro, seventy-two miles from Newbern, and that Terry shall push eighty-four miles northward from Wilmington, and form a junction at the same place. Despite several pitched battles, and numerous skirmishes, the converging forces meet at this place and almost at the time appointed, after having swept like a tornado over the best portions of the Carolinas. This last evidence of Sherman's power of combination and execution would, in the absence of every other claim, stamp him as one of the greatest generals of the age.

While Sherman, with the united force of Schofield and Terry, is marching with the strides and power of a giant north, Grant has been putting a finishing stroke, by all accounts, to the Virginia campaign. The Southern capital, it is said, is taken. Grant, after four days' hard fighting, had succeeded in capturing Richmond. The short telegram that was announced in Portland prior to the starting of the Sierra Nevada. We are always dubious of the telegrams that arrive just before the steamers leave; and however possible, or even probable the fall of the Southern capital may be, it would be as well that the statement should be taken with some degree of allowance. According to the regular despatches a severe engagement had taken place between a portion of Grant and Lee's forces, a little distance from Richmond. The Confederates, by a sudden attack, gained possession of a Fort in a commanding position on the Federal line, and turned the guns on the Federal troops. Emboldened by this success, they attacked a second work called Fort Harshell. Here, however, the Federals were more on the alert, and the Southern forces were repulsed with heavy loss. The fort in the possession of the Confederates was then assaulted by the Federals, but it was not until after several attempts had been made that the Northern troops were successful. The place was ultimately taken, and with it 2,500 prisoners. Grant puts down the total losses of the Confederates in this engagement, or rather series of engagements, at 8,000, and his own at 800. It is just possible that this important collision may have led to a general battle, resulting in the rather startling announcement announced by yesterday's steamer, and that Grant, after cooping up the Southern army for the best part of a year behind the walls and breastworks of Richmond, had at length achieved the great object of Northern ambition—the capture of the Southern capital. A few days will decide the truth or falsity of the statement; in the meantime, however, the position of the South, whether we look at it in a military, financial or social light, is becoming more and more untenable.

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PRICES MUCH BELOW THEIR COST!

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LIABILITIES.

Notes in Circulation, \$15,000

Amount of Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended 31st March, 1866, \$250,000

Amount of last dividend declared, \$25,000

Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring cash dividend, \$25,000

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

Saturday, April 8th, 65.

WE WILL SELL

In Front of Our Rooms,

FORT STREET, NEAR WHARF,

On Saturday, 8th inst

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

1 Milch Cow, recently calved;

1 " " with calf at foot;

1 Island bred Mare, suitable for lady or gentleman; quiet in harness; rising 7 years old, and guaranteed sound.

1 black Cab Horse, suitable for single or double harness, and is an excellent saddle hack.

ALSO, IN STORE,

A quantity of Goods:

Particulars hereafter.

Daniel Scott & Co.,

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We are instructed by

MR. DECHANT,

The Well-known Nurseryman,

TO SELL

AT OUR ROOMS,

Fort Street, near Wharf.

SOME THOUSANDS

—OF—

PLANTS

FROM HIS

NURSERY.

—INCLUDING—

Apple, Plum, Pear and Cherry Trees;

Gum Trees, Blackberry, Black, Red and White Currants, Raspberry Bushes.

Evergreens, Cypress of all sorts;

Roses;

Some 200 Rhubarb and Strawberry Plants;

Lambardy and other Potatoes;

Ivy, Honeysuckles, Periwinkles;

Carnation Plants;

Lilies, Geraniums, Dahlias;

Tulips, Pansies, Verbena;

And a host of other Plants.

Catalogues will be ready on day of sale.

Daniel Scott & Co.,

Auctioneers,

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We have received positive instructions to sell,

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AT OUR ROOMS

Fort Street, near Wharf.

On a Liberal Credit,

The undermentioned fourteen

Town Lots!

Each fifty by one hundred and fourteen feet more or less, being Subdivision of Suburban Lot number Seven.

Sale at 12 o'clock, Noon.

Lot 3—Corner of Quadra and Chatham streets, 47 feet on Quadra by 114 feet on Chatham.

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Where will be kept constantly on hand the largest assortment of

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CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, HARDWARE, WOODENWARE,

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Goods to be found in the two Colonies.

Families and others will find it to their advantage to call on me before purchasing elsewhere.

T. P. FREEMAN,

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GOVERNMENT STREET.

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All his Superior Modern Household

—COMPRISING—

Mahogany, Hair, Spring Seat Chairs and Sofas;

Mahogany, Hair, Easy, and Rocking Chairs;

Brussels and Velvet Carpets;

Heath Rugs, Curtains and Blinds;

Large Mirror, Steel Engravings;

Oil Paintings and Ornaments.

Superior Plated-Ware and

Cutlery.

PIANO-FORTE.

One superior Pianoforte, 7 octaves, by Chickering.

—ALSO—

Mahogany, Leather Covered Sofas;

Solid Mahogany Extension Dining Table;

Dining Room Chairs;

1 superior Regulating 8-day Clock;

Lamps, Books, Kitchen Clocks;

Bedroom Furniture;

Kitchen Furniture, Oilcloth;

Tinware, Cooking Utensils, &c.

7 Tons Best Oregon Bacon in Gunnies.

For sale by

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Builders and others.

JUST RECEIVED AND

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A very superior cargo of

INCH TONGUED AND GROOVED

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WELL SEASONED.

By

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HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE CON-

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Gents' Silk Mixed Suits.

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IN GREAT VARIETY.

The above have been selected expressly for

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Standard, Extra,

AND VARIOUS BRANDS COMMON

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WITH FRUIT TREES, FLOWERS,

For further particulars apply to

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JOHN C. PICKLES,

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1 full interest in the Ayrshire Lad.

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